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ASSEMBLY

 GENERAL ASSESSMENT. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE 28TH UNGA OPENING SEPTEMBER 18 WILL BE POLITICALLY BLAND IN COMPARI-SON TO RECENT YEARS. KOREA APPEARS MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUE FROM US STANDPOINT. EASING OF TENSIONS WITH USSR AND TO SOME EXTENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND KOREAN PENINSULA, AS WELL AS SEATING OF TWO GERMANIES SHOULD IMPROVE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. HOWEVER, MILITANT ARABS MAY PRESS POLITICAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST ISRAEL, AND US, AND GROUP OF 77 WILL PROMOTE CONTENTIOUS TRADE AND AID ISSUES STIMULATED BY ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. GIVEN TENOR OF JUNE 1973 OSLO UN/OAU CONFERENCE ON COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID - AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - AFRICAN ISSUES WILL BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND AGAIN LEAVE US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN UNCOMFORTABLE MINORITY. ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT NO GENERAL PROGRESS ON TERRORISM, WE ARE HOPEFUL UNGA CAN COMPLETE CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS.

2. WE SHALL STRIVE AGAINST MOUNTING ODDS IN 28TH UNGA TO MINIMIZE ACRIMONIOUS DERATE, TO ARREST DRIFT TOWARD POLEMICAL TYRANNY OF NUMERICAL MAJORITY, AND TO PROMOTE VIEW THAT SINCE NORTH-SOUTH NATIONS MUST LIVE TOGETHER AND NEED EACH OTHER, THEY SHOULD IN MUTUAL INTEREST SEEK COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE GREATER EMPHASIS TO BROAD HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD WHERE

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US POSITION IS RELATIVELY STRONG. WE WILL URGE INCREASING UN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION, AND SEEK TO PROMOTE SPECIFIC US INTERESTS AS INDICATED BELOW.

- 3. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SUMMARIZE ISSUES OF MAJOR INTEREST TO US AND OUTCOME WE HOPE TO ATTAIN. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THESE POINTS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVT OFFICIALS, DETERMINE POSITIONS AND LIKELY INITIATIVES AND AS APPROPRIATE ENLIST SUPPORT. PLEASE CARLE REPORTS TO DEPT, INFO USUN. FOR BACKGROUND ON 27TH UNGA SESSION SEE A-128, JANUARY 5, 1973; VOTING RECORD OF HOST GOVT CONTAINED IN 10 SURVEY OF ROLL CALL VOTES HAS PEEN TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY.
- KOREAN ITEM IS INSCRIBED ON 28TH UNGA AGENDA KOREA. AND WILL BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, GIVEN RECENT POLICY INITIATIVE BY ROK. IN SPEECH JUNE 23, ROK PRES. FARK STATED INTER ALIA THAT SOUTH KOREA WOULD NOT OBJECT TO: (A) NORTH-KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN UNGA DEBATE: (B) NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: (C) CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA TO EN MEMBERSHIP. IN SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE, ROK FRIMIN *KIM SAID IF UNGA RESOLVES TO DISPAND UN COMMISSION FOR UNIFICATION AND PEHABILITATION OF KOREA (UNCURK), ROK WILL ACCEPT DECISION. US FULLY SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTIVE STANCE TAKEN BY ROK, AND EXPECTS UNGA DEPATE ON KOREA WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTH AND NORTH PARTICIPALING. WE STRONGLY HOPE DERATE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO EASING OF TENSIONS AND TO ENHANCING STABILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA AND NOT DEGENERATE INTO ACRIMONIOUS EXCHANGE HINDERING DETENTE PROCESS. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS SENT SEPARATELY.
- INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION SUBMITTED DRAFT ARTICLES ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS, COVERING SERIOUS CRIMES A GAINST DIPLOMATS AND OTHER INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERFONS. DRAFT REQUIRES STATE PARTY TO EXTRADITE OR SUBMIT FOR PROSECUTION ALLEGED OFFENDER FOUND ON ITS TERPITORY.

 27TH UNGA REQUESTED COMMENT ON ARTICLES "WITH A VIEW TO FINAL ELABORATION" OF CONVENTION AT 28TH UNGA. US EXPECTS AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS COMPLETION OF CONVENTIOM ON SCHEDULE. WE HOPE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL SUPPORT CURRENT ORDER OF ITEMS ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA WHICH GIVES THIS ITEM HIGH PRIORITY (SECOND) ON SIXTH COMMITTEE AGENDA. PEMPINING TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES CAN BE RESOLVED DURING UNGA. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS PRIOR TO UNGA ANY PROBLEMS OTHER GOVTS MAY HAVE WITH DRAFT APTICLES.
- 6. TERRORISM. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM HAS
 REFLECTED SAME POLITICAL DIFFERENCES WHICH FRUSTRATED
 EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ACTION LAST YEAR. (E.G. ARAB OPPOSITION
 OVER PALESTINE QUESTION AND AFRICAN PREOCCUPATION WITH
 LEGITIMACY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS). NON-ALIGNED
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SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER SEQUENTIALLY DEFINITION OF TERRORISM, ITS CAUSES, AND POSSIBLE MEASURES TO COMBAT IT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT, WHILE CONSIDERATION OF CAUSES IS LEGITIMATE FUNCTION OF UN.

ATTENTION SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON CONCRETE MEASURES DESIGNED TO PREVENT ACTS, DIRECTED AT INNOCENT PERSONS, WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF MOTIVE OR CAUSE. IN OUR VIEW SUCH MEASURES SHOULD NOT AWAIT RESULT OF WORK ON CAUSES, AND ATTEMPT AT DEFINITION OF TERRORISM IS UNDESIRABLE.

- 7. WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFEPENCE (WDC). US RECOGNIZES WDC COULD PLAY USEFUL ROLE AT APPROPRIATE TIME. HOWEVER, WDC WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE AT THIS TIME TO ACHIEVING CONCRETE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS AND COULD HARM SERIOUS DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS IN OTHER FORUMS. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NOT SUPPORTED EFFORTS LOOKING TO EARLY CONVENING OF WDC. WE ABSTAINED ON LAST YEAR'S WDC RES WHICH CREATED 35 MEMBER SPECIAL COMMITTEE RECAUSE WE BELIEVED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR FURTHER STUDY OF MEMBERS' VIEWS. US, UK, FRANCE AND PRC HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AND WE WOULD NOT CONSIDER IT PROPER FOR COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN UNABLE TO HOLD FORMAL MEETING TO SURMIT PEPORT TO UNGA CALLED FOR BY 27TH UNGA RES.
- MON-USE OF FORCE (NUF). LAST YEAR'S UNGA PASSED NUF RESOLUTION WHICH RENOUNCED USE OR THREAT OF FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN CHARTER AND "PERMANENT PROHIBITION OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS", AND RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTING ACTION BY SC. WE ABSTAINED ON RES, WHICH REGAN AS SOVIET INITIATIVE, ON GROUNDS IT TENDED TO DETRACT FROM UN CHARTER. WHICH IN OUR VIEW PROVIDES BASIC GUIDELINE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT AND SHOULD NOT BE SELECTIVELY REINTEPPRETED. CHARTER DRAWS IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN LEGITIMATE AND UNLAWFUL USES OF FORCE, WHICH NUF RESOLUTION DOES NOT. WE HAVE OPPOSED SC CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE AND SEE NO POINT IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF NUF IN UNGA. RECENT US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF MUCLEAR WAR. WHICH INCLUDES AGREEMENT TO REFRAIN FROM THREAT OR USE OF FORCE. MAY BE PAISED IN BELATION TO NUF ITEM. WE BELIEVE THIS AGREEMENT DIFFEPS PASICALLY FROM NUF RES IN THAT IT EMPHASIZES PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO BAN ON USE OF MUCLEAR WEAPONS IN WAR OR TO IMPLEMENTING ROLE FOR SC.
- 9. NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES. PURSUANT TO SECRETARIAT STUDY CALLED FOR PY UNGA ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES, SEVERAL COUNTRIES MAY NOW PRESS FOR ACTION TO CONTROL OR PAN THESE WEAPONS. WE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON SUBJECT AND WE ABSTAINED ON LAST YEAR'S UNGA RES WHICH REQUESTED CIRCULATION OF REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR COMMENT. WE DO NOT INTEND TO COMMENT ON REPORT. US POSITION IS NAPALM AND

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OTHER INCENDIARIES ARE CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND NOT SEPARATE AND UNIQUE CATEGORY. ANY FURTHER UN ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THAT CONTEXT BY UNGA'S FIRST (POLITICAL) COMMITTEE.

MIDDLE EAST. AFTER RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SITUATION (CULMINATING IN US VETO OF ONE-SIDED DRAFT WHICH RISKED UNDERMINING SC PES 242) AND SUBSEQUENT SESSION ON ISRAEL AIRCRAFT DIVERSION INCIDENT, IT IS LIKELY EGYPT WILL WISH GENERAL DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTION IN UNGA. EGYPTIANS MAY SEE NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM ALGIERS CONFERENCE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AS SPRINGROARD FOR GENERAL UNGA RESOLUTION FAVORABLE TO THEM. POSSIBLY WALDHEIM VISIT CLATE AUGUST-EARLY SEPTEMBER) TO MIDDLE EAST WILL INFLUENCE UNGA DEBATE PAST EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT UNGA DEBATE ON QUESTION. MIDDLE EAST EXACEPBATES TENSIONS AND HARDEN POSITIONS. IN PREVIOUS UNGAS POSITIONS AT VARIANCE WITH SC PES 242 HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND INCREASED ISRAELI DISENCHANIMENT WITH UN AS INSTRUMENTALITY IN SEARCH FOR PEACE.

AFRICAN ISSUES. (A) WE ANTICIPATE PHODESIA WILL BE FOCUS OF AFRICAN HEAT ON US IN 28TH UNGA. WE MUST EXPECT RESOLUTION ON SANCTIONS PROGRAM CONTAINING PARAGRAPH SINGLING OUT US FOR SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS THROUGH FYRD · AMENDMENT PERMITTING US IMPORTS OF RHODESIAN CHROME. BELIEVE THOSE INTERESTED IN UPHOLDING SANCTIONS SMOULD ADDRESS STATES WHICH PERMIT PURCHASES OF VAST MAJORITY OF ILLEGALLY TRADED RHODESIAN PRODUCTS PATHER THAN US FOR SMALL AMOUNT IMPORTED UNDER BYRD AMENDMENT PROVILIONS. (P) WE FORESEE FURTHER EFFORTS TO SECURE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION FOR PORTUGUESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. WE CANNOT AGREE TO SUCH STATUS, WE HOPE TO AVOID CONFRON-TATION ON THIS ISSUE. WE COULD CONTEMPLATE INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION IN UNGA COMMITTEES ON CASE BY CASE FASIS BY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT PEPRESENTATIVES ON MATTERS BELATING TO THEIR TERRITORIES AND IN WHICH THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO WORK OF SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS, WE EXPECT CHARGES OF PORTUGUESE MASSACRES IN MOZAMBIQUE AND OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REPRESSION IN NAMIBIA MAY MOVE AFRICANS TO PROD US TO JOIN IN CONDEMNATIONS. THIS REGARD WE ARE WILLING TO STUDY ANY EVIDENCE PRESENTED. THERE ALSO MAY PE EFFORT TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF UN/OAU OSLO COMPERENCE ON APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM. WE ARE WILLING TO HAVE UNGA TAKE NOTE OF CSLO CONFERENCE, BUT ITS 127 RECOMMENDATIONS - MANY OF THEM UNACCEPTABLE TO US - WOULD REQUIRE INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION.

12. HUMAN RIGHTS. ON DECEMBER 10, 1973, UNGA WILL MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE INTEND TO EMPHASIZE NEED TO IMPROVE UN EFFECTIVENESS IN THIS AREA THROUGH BROADER-GUAGED TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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PROBLEMS. HEAVY EMPHASIS ON RACIAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE BALANCED BY MORE ATTENTION TO OTHER PROBLEM AREAS, E.G., FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND EXPRESSION, RIGHTS OF NON-CITIZEN RESIDENTS. WE WILL SUPPORT CURRENT VERSION OF DEAFT FROGRAM FOR DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS MEANS FOR PROMOTING EVEN-HANDED, OBJECTIVE TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. TO FOCUS ATTENTIOM UPON BASIC RIGHT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SO IMPORTANT IN AMERICAN TRADIZION, WE WILL AGAIN ATTACH HIGH PRIORITY TO DRAFTING OF DECLARATION ON ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

13. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. US WILL PESIST ANY EFFOR? TO REOPEN 25 PERCENT ASSESSMENT ISSUE. SETTLED IN PRINCIPLE IN 1972. AND WORK FOR UNGA ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTION'S REPORT IMPLEMENTING 25 PERCENT CELLING ON CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ANY ONE MEMBER STATE. US BELIEVES IN CONTINUING NEED FOR AUSTERITY IN UN FINANCES AND SUPPORTS MEASURES INITIATED BY SYG IN 1972. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS IMPORTANT SYC MAINTAIN POLICY OF LIMITING EXPENDITURES TO LEVEL OF ANTICIPATED INCOME, (SO SHORTFALL THROUGH APREARAGES OF WITHHOLDING FROM ASSESSMENTS DOES MOT INCREASE DEFICITS OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS). REBUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CAN INCREASE PROGRAM FUNDS. IMPACT OF DOLLAY DEVALUATION ON BUDGETS OF MOST UN AGENCIES HAS LED TO DISCUSSION OF (A) DENOMINATING BUDGETS IN ANOTHER CURRENCY AND (B) PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF ASSESS-MENTS PAPILY IN DOLLARS AND PARTLY IN CURRENCY IN WHICH MAJOR PORTION OF EXPENDITURES MADE. THERE LITTLE POSSI-PILITY OF OPTION (A) GENERATING MUCH STEAM. BUT THERE MAY BE SUPPORT FOR (B). WE BELIEVE DOLLAR HAS PROVED ADVANTAGEOUS TO UN SYSTEM FOR 25 YEARS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO. FEW COUNTRIES WOULD BENEFIT FROM CHANGE IN CURRENCY OF ACCOUNT AT PRESENT. AUTHORITATIVE OPINION HOLDS DOLLAR IS UNDERVALUED AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO APPRECIATE. IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO AWAIT ACHIEVEMENT OF NEW SYSTEM OF STABLE CURRENCIES BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS WHICH COULD BE TO LONG TERM DISADVANTAGE OF ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED.

14. ECOSOC: REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING GOALS OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE HAS BEEN A MAJOR FOCUS OF ATTENTION IN UN BODIES OVER PAST TWO YEARS. IT IS BASED ON "INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY" (IDS) ADOPTED BY UNGA IN 1976 AND ON SUBSEQUENT STUDIES BY UN SECRETARIAT, UNCTAD AND OTHER BODIES. FINAL RESOLUTION OF ISSUES ON PROPOSED AGREED POLICY STATEMENT ON IDS TO BE FORWARDED TO UNGA BY ECOSOC IS EXPECTED DURING THIS 28TH UNGA. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON POLICY ISSUES OF TRADE, AID, INVEST-

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MENT COVERED IN FIRST BIENNIAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL.

AGREED STATEMENT SHOULD REFLECT PPINCIPLE THAT PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT RESTS UPON DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES BUT THEY ALSO NEED ASSISTANCE FROM FINANCIAL
RESOURCES AND THROUGH ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL POLICIES OF
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. UNGA WILL CONSIDER ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATION FOR INCLUSION IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF UNREALISTIC TARGETS FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRY ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WE OPPOSED KENYAN INITIATIVE TO CREATE UN SPECTAL FUND FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WITH LARGE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERSTRUCTURE MAY ALSO SURFACE. OPPOSES SPECIAL FUND SINCE UNDP ALREADY PROVIDES SUCH ASSISTANCE. UNGA WILL CONSIDER SYG REPORT ON COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. US SUPPORTS UN IN ADVANCING APPLICATION OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN LDC'S BUT OPPOSES CPEATION OF NEW UN BODY FOR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, SUGGESTED BY ROMANIA. SINCE EXISTING RODIES SUCH AS ADVISORY COM-MITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SECRETARIAT ARE DEALING WITH MATTEP.

IS. REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA. RECENT ECOSOC SESSION IN GENEVA DECIDED TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA LIMITED TO STATES PRESENTLY USING UN SECRETARIAT'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OFFICE IN PEIRUT, AND THEREBY EXCLUDING ISRAEL, ALTHOUGH IT IS IN CENTER OF WESTERN ASIA. US VOTED AGAINST. ESTABLISHMENT THIS COMMISSION CLEARLY CONTRAVENES BASIC UN CHARTER PRINCIPLE OF "SOVEREIGH EQUALITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS." BY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON FUTURE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, ECOSOC DECISION ALSO CONFLICTS WITH ARTICLE SR OF CHARTER VESTING SUCH POWER IN ECOSOC. US PROPOSAL TO SEEK INTER-NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ADVISORY OPINION ALSO WAS DEFEATED IN ECOSOC.

- 17. SAHELIAN ZONE DROUGHT. SAHELIAN ZONE COUNTRY IS OF CHAD, MALI, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, NIGER AND UPPER VOLTA HAVE REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM ON AID TO POPULATIONS THREAT—ENED WITH FAMINE BY DROUGHT IN APEA. US IS MAJOR PARTICIPANT AND STRONG SUPPORTER OF UN COORDINATED PROGRAMS OF PELIEF AND RECOVERY FOR AFFECTED POPULATIONS. US WILL URGE CONTINUING WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN SAHELIAN PELIEF PROGRAMS, WHICH INVOLVE MUMEROUS UN BODIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, ALONG WITH EFFORTS TO INSURE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION.
- IS. ECOSOC EXPANSION. HOST GOVTS MAY INQUIRE ABOUT US RATIFICATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENT TO INCREASE ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP FROM 27 TO 54. AMENDMENT WILL COME INTO FORCE WHEN RATIFIED BY TWO-THIRDS OF UN MEMBERS, INCLUDING PERMANENT SC MEMBERS. US RATIFICATION WOULD BRING AMENDMENT INTO EFFECT. IT HAS BEEN FAVORABLY PEPORTED

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BY SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND FULL SENATE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER THIS FALL, POSSIBLY IN SEPTEMBER. IF HOST GOVIS ASK US SUPPORT FOR SPECIFIC CANDIDATES TO EXPANDED ECOSOC, YOU SHOULD REPLY US NORMALLY DEFERS DECISION UNTIL PREFERENCES OF REGIONAL GROUPINGS KNOWN.

19. LAW OF THE SEA (LOS). THIS IMPORTANT ITEM WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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